



Application Phase

Applicant

Agency

Public or Other Interested Party

Start

Applicant reviews activities
requiring a permit
(triggering mechanisms)

not
required

No Permit Required

required

Applicant applies for a permit

Agency reviews application for
completeness

Application
complete

Application
incomplete

Agency decides whether SEPA
review is required

A

SEPA *not*
required

SEPA required

Agency continues
with permit process

Agency determines lead agency

Lead Agency
planning under
GMA

Lead Agency is
Non GMA

B

C

Legend:

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GMA=Growth Management Act

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State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
(for GMA Agencies)

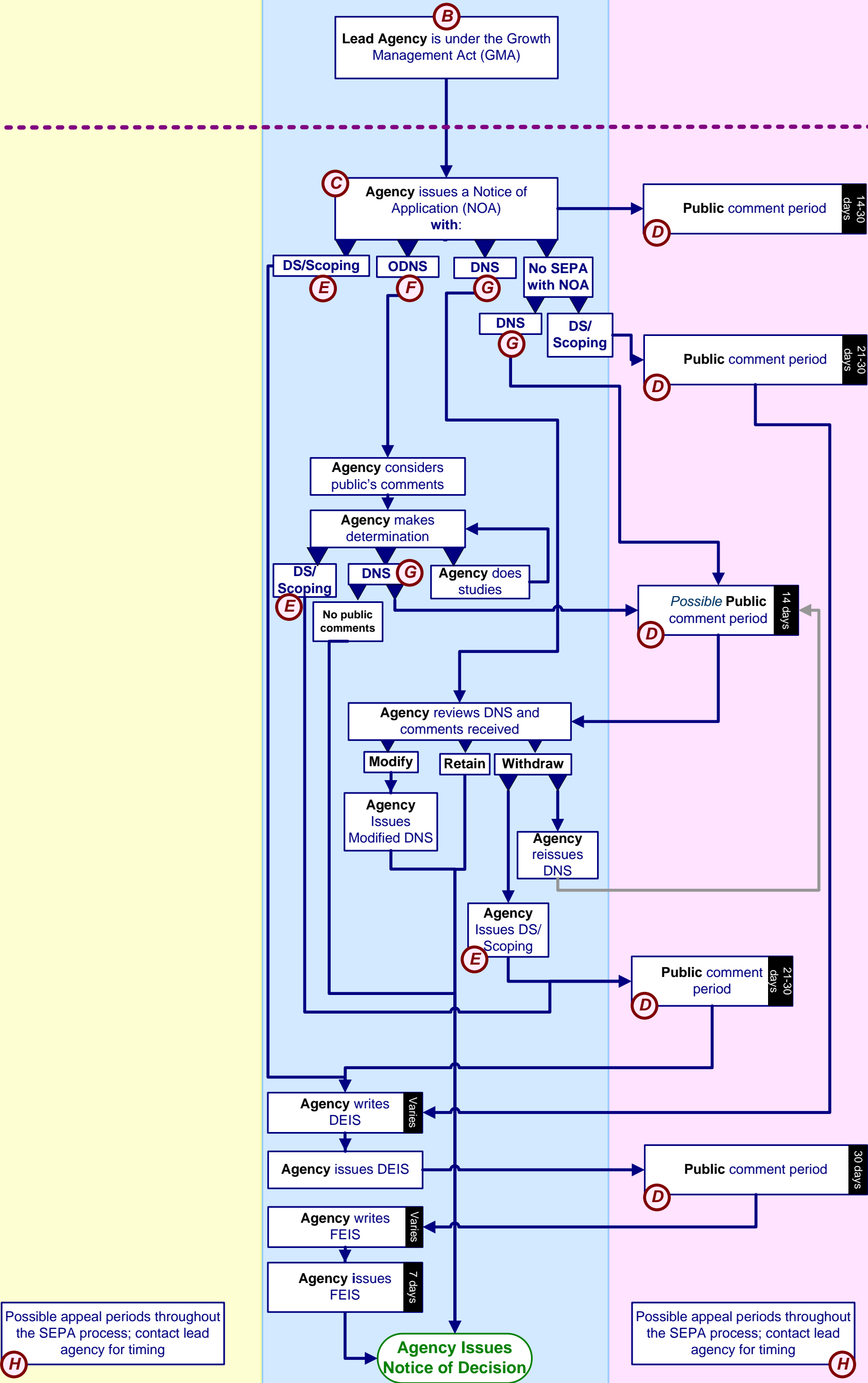
Application Phase

Lead Agency Review and Threshold Determination

Applicant

Lead Agency

Public or Other Interested Party



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GMA=Growth Management Act

NOA=Notice of Application

DNS=Determination of Nonsignificance

ODNS=Optional DNS

EIS=Environmental Impact Statement

DEIS=Draft EIS

FEIS=Final EIS

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Lead Agency Review

Threshold Determination

Appeal Phase

Applicant

Lead Agency

Public or Other Interested Party

Applicant submits an
Environmental Checklist to the
Lead Agency if it was not already
submitted

Lead Agency is not planning
under the Growth Management Act
(GMA)

Agency determines if
Environmental Checklist is
complete and accurate

Complete Not complete

Lead Agency makes corrections

Applicant submits additional
information

Lead Agency reviews project
information and identifies existing
documents.

Sufficient information Insufficient information

Lead Agency consults with other
involved agencies

Lead Agency conducts studies

Lead Agency makes the
Threshold Determination

DS

DNS
Comments
Required?
no yes

Varies

Reconsider DNS
Retain Modify Withdraw

Prepare DEIS

Varies

Issue
DEIS

Prepare FEIS

Varies

Issue
FEIS

7 days

Agency
Decision

Available for public
comment

14 days

Available for
public comment

14-30
days

Draft available for public
comment

30 days

Possible Administrative Appeal
available

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